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House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2003, at 4 p.m.

Senate

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2003

The Senate met at 10:02 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. STEVENS).

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for a pro forma session be vitiated.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

HONORING THE MISSION OF THE SPACE SHUTTLE "COLUMBIA"

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:
A resolution (S. Res. 41) honoring the mission of the space shuttle *Columbia*.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to and the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. It there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 41) was agreed to, as follows:

S. RES. 41

Resolved, That the Senate commemorates with deep sorrow and regret the fate of the

Columbia space shuttle mission and when it adjourns today, it do so as a further mark of respect to the astronauts who lost their lives.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, initially we planned to come in for a pro forma session today and not have further remarks made. But in light of the great national tragedy, a time when all of our thoughts in this body and of all Americans converge on the families and the loved ones of the *Columbia* crew members, both the Democratic leader and I would like to take just a couple minutes to make a statement. Then we will be adjourning at that point.

I join all Americans in expressing our deepest sympathy for the events that have occurred and extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the crew members, and want to take this opportunity to salute the courage of the crew.

The events of 2 days ago have caused all of us to go back and look into both our own lives but also the lives of other great explorers who so willingly have taken the risk with that ultimate goal of making the world a better place. Indeed, the heroes that we all celebrate in terms of their lives, of which we have been reviewing over the last 24 hours, are very much the focus of not just us in this body but, indeed, the world.

Each *Columbia* crew member was a pioneer. They would want us to recognize their sacrifices through our comments and through our review of their lives and through our comforting of their families. But I also know they

would want us to determine the cause of this tragedy, to fix what caused it, and then to move on in that same spirit of exploration.

I, in closing, do extend my own personal sympathy and the sympathy of this body to those families, and to those great pioneers and heroes of the American spirit.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Democratic leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I join the majority leader in expressing, as he has, our heartfelt sympathy to the families of the astronauts, to NASA, to the people of Israel, and to all of those responsible as we contemplate the tragic loss.

There is no way one can adequately express in words the sense of sorrow, of regret that we would like to be able to convey to the families themselves. But as they contemplate these losses, we wish them great strength, strength in knowing that their loved ones committed themselves to a great cause, and, in so doing, created the path to a future that we will continue to celebrate.

Neil Armstrong, when he landed on the moon, made note of that fact that it was: One small step for man, one giant step for mankind. I believe these astronauts made one giant step for mankind—in better relations, in finding ways with which to pursue science so successfully; and, in so doing, it has created their footprints not only in the path once begun by the pioneers, such as Neil Armstrong, but that of future astronauts as well who will carry on

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this great experiment in space recognizing its importance to all of mankind.

So as we contemplate this loss, we celebrate their lives, we celebrate their accomplishments, we celebrate the fact that they gave all they could for their country.

At times such as this, the word "hero" is appropriate. Indeed, they were just that; they were and are heroes, role models, committed Americans, patriots, and pioneers.

We thank them. We applaud their accomplishment. And we wish their families Godspeed during this difficult time.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader.

SCHEDULE

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, for the information of our colleagues, arrangements are being made, and we will keep Members notified over the course of the day for opportunities to attend the memorial service in Houston. Each caucus will keep their respective members posted over the course of the day of what those plans are.

We have modified our schedule accordingly. And as I will discuss shortly,

we will be coming in for the opportunity for our Members to make statements on the floor tomorrow afternoon, and then resume the business on Wednesday as we initially planned for Tuesday.

ORDERS FOR TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2003

Mr. FRIST. In that regard, Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand in adjournment until 4 p.m. Tuesday, February 4; I further ask consent that on Tuesday, following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and that there then be a period of morning business until 6 p.m., with the time equally divided between the two leaders or their designees.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. For the information of Senators, the Senate will reconvene to-

morrow to allow Members to make statements regarding the *Columbia* tragedy. When the Senate concludes its business on Tuesday, it will reconvene on Wednesday morning.

As in executive session, I now ask unanimous consent that the order with respect to the Estrada nomination be changed so that the Senate begins its consideration at 2:15 p.m. on Wednesday.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 4 P.M. TOMORROW

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask, unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the provisions of S. Res. 41.

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, the Senate stands adjourned under the previous order as a mark of further respect to the astronauts who lost their lives in the *Columbia* shuttle mission.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10:11 a.m., adjourned until Tuesday, February 4, 2003, at 4 p.m.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, February 4, 2003 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

FEBRUARY 5

9:30 a.m.

Commerce, Science, and Transportation
To hold hearings to examine the professional boxing industry.

SR-253

Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine judicial nominations.

SD-226

10 a.m.

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of William H. Donaldson, of New York, to be a Member of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

SD-538

Budget

To continue hearings to examine the President's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Proposal.

SD-608

Energy and Natural Resources

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-366

Small Business and Entrepreneurship

To hold hearings to examine possible solutions to the small business health care crisis.

SR-428A

11 a.m.

Foreign Relations

Organizational business meeting to consider an original resolution authorizing certain expenditures for committee operations, to be followed by a business meeting to consider pending calendar business.

SD-419

FEBRUARY 6

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine certain policy issues.

SD-419

FEBRUARY 11

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the current and future worldwide threats to the national security of the United States; to be followed by a closed meeting to be held in SH-219.

SD-106

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine a post Saddam Iraq.

SD-419

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 12

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine a post conflict Iraq.

SD-419

FEBRUARY 13

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services

To resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Defense, and the Future Years Defense Program.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Forest Service of the Department of Agriculture.

SD-366

FEBRUARY 25

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine world food aid.

SH-216

10 a.m.

Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2004 for the Department of Energy.

SD-366

2 p.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of the Disabled American Veterans.

SH-216

FEBRUARY 27

9:30 a.m.

Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine proposed legislation authorizing funds for the Department of State.

SD-419

MARCH 6

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Jewish War Veterans, the Blinded Veterans Association, and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association.

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MARCH 12

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine a legislative presentation of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

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MARCH 13

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of the Retired Enlisted Association, Gold Star Wives of America, the Fleet Reserve Association, and the Air Force Sergeants Association.

345 Cannon Building

MARCH 20

10 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs

To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs to examine legislative presentations of AMVETS, American Ex-Prisoners of War, the Vietnam Veterans of America, the Military Officers Association of America, and the National Association of State Directors of Veterans' Affairs.

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Monday, February 3, 2003

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to S. Res. 41, Honoring the mission of the Space Shuttle *Columbia*.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S1845–46

Measures Introduced: One resolution was submitted, as follows: S. Res. 41.

Measures Passed:

Honoring the Space Shuttle Columbia: Senate agreed to S. Res. 41, honoring the mission of the Space Shuttle *Columbia*.

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Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that with respect to consideration of the nomination of Miguel A. Estrada, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit, be changed so that the Senate will begin consideration of the nomination at 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, February 5, 2003.

Appointment:

National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community: The Chair, on behalf of the Minority Leader, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 401, section 1002(b) of the Intelligence Authorization Act, appointed the following to the National Commission for the Review of the Research and Development Programs of the United States Intelligence Community: Ms. Lofgren of California, and Mr. Maurice Sonnenberg of New York.

Adjournment: Senate met at 10:02 a.m., and pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 41, adjourned at 10:11 a.m., until 4 p.m., on Tuesday, February 4, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S1846.)

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. It will meet on Tuesday at 4 p.m. in pro forma session.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D25)

H.J. Res. 13, making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year 2003. Signed on January 31, 2003. (Public Law 108–4)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on the Budget: to hold hearings to examine the President's FY 2004 Budget, 2:30 p.m., SD-608.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine revenue proposals in the President's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget, 10 a.m., SD-219.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Weapons of Mass Destruction Developments on the Korean Peninsula, 9:30 a.m., SH-216.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine tax fairness, focusing on double taxation's effect on the elderly, 10 a.m., SD-628.

House

Committee on the Budget, to meet for organizational purposes, and to consider an Oversight Plan for the 108th Congress; followed by a hearing on the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2004, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Rules, February 4, to consider the following: a resolution making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2003; and H.R. 395, Do-Not-Call Implementation Act; 6:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Ways and Means, hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget proposals, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

4 p.m., Tuesday, February 4

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

4 p.m., Tuesday, February 4

Senate Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Senate will be in a period of morning business (until 6 p.m.) to all Members to make statements regarding the Space Shuttle *Columbia* tragedy.

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: Pro forma session.



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